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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, and J. Lawrence Clary, Sheriff, Mecklenburg County, Virginia, announce the guilty plea of Walter Evans, Jr., age 28, to arson. Evans, of Boydton, Virginia, pleaded guilty to a one-count indictment as the United States neared the end of its case at trial. Evans entered his plea before United States District Judge James R. Spencer on Wednesday, July 24, 2002.

Sentencing is scheduled for October 18, 2002, at which time Evans faces a maximum of twenty years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000 and full restitution.

Evans was indicted in May by a federal grand jury in Richmond. The one count indictment charged that on November 28, 2000, Evans set fire to the Old Goode Bank Building located in Boydton, Virginia, which housed the Mecklenburg County Board of Supervisors, the Commonwealth's Attorney Office, the County Administrator's Office, the Zoning Office, the Animal Warden's Office and the Drug Task Force Office.

The case was investigated by the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Department and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Michael C. Wallace, Sr.